



The AHATA Environmental Committee announces the fifth Annual Fundraising Coastal Clean-up

During a press conference at the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA) headquarters in Oranjestad on Tuesday afternoon, Astrid Muller, GM of the Divi Phoenix Resort and Chairperson of the Environmental Committee announced that registration for the fifth Annual Fundraising Coastal Clean-up is now open. The island wide effort, which will take cover nine key coastal areas on Saturday, October 21 has raised in the past as much as 20,000 Aruban florins from thirty-six sponsors and mustered 900 volunteers.

This important effort in maintaining the beauty of the island and our beaches needs the support of vendors and individuals. Marlon Pieters of the Community Police mapped out the areas to be cleaned, which are Surfside Beach to the Wilhelmina Park, the coast areas of Arikok National Park, California Dunes, Warirui/Boedoei, Baby Beach, Bachelors Beach, Zeewijk Beach, Fisherman's Huts and Malmok and the Boca Grandi Area.

The clean-up will begin at 8:30 A.M and finish at 1:30 P.M. There are thirty-seven to forty designated areas and organizers seek sponsors to donate 750 florins per area. In the past, schools, hotels and various organizations have participated, and any group that cares to register is welcome. The organizers particularly emphasized the need for volunteers with pick-up trucks to assist in transporting the bags of refuse to the dumpsters.

Donating goods and services to the clean-up are SERLIMAR, the Aruba Gastronomic Association, Balashi Breweries, Ecotech, Dijkhoff Cleaning, Mourik, N.V. Andina Ice, SETAR, N.V. Hoori, N.V., Oduber Agencies, Boogaard Insurance, Visser Trading, De Palm Tours, ECA and the rangers of the Arikok National Park.

To register as a volunteer or sponsor call the AHATA offices at telephone number 582-2607 and speak to Anky Bruin or for more information contact Anky or Astrid Muller, cell phone 735-5282 or Jeanette Flanegin telephon 583-8000.